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## IN THE CLAIMS:

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The status and content of each claims follows. No amendments to the claim are made by the present paper.

 (original) A system for tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the system comprising:

a printer having a clock circuit; and one or more printer clients, each having a clock circuit; wherein:

a printer driver of said printer client appends time/date data from said clock circuit of that printer client to a print job being transmitted to said printer; and

said printer extracts said time/date data from said print job transmission and uses said time/date data to set or adjust said clock circuit of said printer.

- 2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer compares said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.
- 3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold relative to other time/date data received.
- 4. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if more than a standard deviation away from a sampling of other time/data data received.
- 5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer averages said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs and then sets or adjusts said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

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- 6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said clock circuit of said printer is connected to a battery as a back-up power source.
- 7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer is maintained in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.
- 8. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer avoids performing a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.
- 9. (original) A method of tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the method comprising appending time/date data to a print job sent to said printer from a printer client having a clock circuit.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising, extracting said time/date data from said print job and using said time/date data to set or adjust a clock circuit of said printer.
- 11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising comparing said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising rejecting said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold from said other time/date data.
- 13. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising averaging said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs and then setting or adjusting said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

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- 14. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising maintaining said printer in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.
- 15. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising avoiding performance a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.
- 16. (original) A system of tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the system comprising:

means for appending time/date data to a print job sent to said printer from a printer client having a clock circuit that outputs time/date data; and

means for extracting said time/date data from said print job and using said time/date data to set or adjust a clock circuit of said printer.

- 17. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for comparing said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.
- 18. (original) The system of claim 17, further comprising means for rejecting said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold relative to said other time/date data.
- 19. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

  means for averaging said time/date data received with said print job with other
  time/date data received with other print jobs; and

means for setting or adjusting said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

20. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for maintaining said printer in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

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21. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for avoiding performance a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

- 22. (original) Computer-readable instructions recorded in a medium for storing computer-readable instructions, said instructions being used by a system of tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, wherein said a first set of said instructions causes a processing device in a printer client device to append time/date data to a print job sent to said printer, where said printer client device has a clock circuit that outputs time/date data.
- 23. (original) The computer-readable instructions of claim 22, wherein a second set of said instructions causes a processing device in said printer to extract said time/date data from said print job and use said time/date data to set or adjust a clock circuit of said printer.
- 24. (original) The computer-readable instructions of claim 23, wherein said second set of said instructions further causes said processing device in said printer to compare said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs and reject said time/date data if beyond a standard deviation from said other time/date data.
- 25. (original) The computer-readable instructions of claim 23, wherein said second set of said instructions further causes said processing device in said printer to average said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data; and set or adjust said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.
- 26. (previously presented) A system for tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the system comprising:
- a printer having a clock circuit that tracks and outputs date and time information; and one or more printer clients, each having a clock circuit that tracks and outputs date and time information:

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wherein:

a printer driver of said printer client appends time/date data from said clock circuit of that printer client to a print job being transmitted to said printer; and

said printer extracts said time/date data from said print job transmission and uses said time/date data to set or adjust said clock circuit of said printer.

- 27. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer compares said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.
- 28. (previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold relative to other time/date data received.
- 29. (previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if more than a standard deviation away from a sampling of other time/data data received.
- 30. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer averages said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs and then sets or adjusts said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.
- 31. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said clock circuit of said printer is connected to a battery as a back-up power source.
- 32. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer is maintained in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.
- 33. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer avoids performing a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.